House Resolution No. 814

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who bring honor and glory to themselves and to their local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their family-oriented endeavors; and

Whereas, Mildred Ehrhardt of Jefferson City, Missouri, has been selected as Merit Mother of the Missouri Chapter of American Mothers, Incorporated, a national organization founded by Eleanor Roosevelt and the original sponsor of Mother's Day celebrations; and

Whereas, a retired state employee, Mildred Ehrhardt is the beloved wife of Cleo Ehrhardt, the loving mother of Glen Ehrhardt, Jane Kartheiser, and Gary Ehrhardt, and the grandmother of three wonderful grandchildren; and

Whereas, Mildred Ehrhardt is widely acclaimed for her philanthropic efforts with Aid Association for Lutherans, as a Braille Worker, as an Election Judge at the precinct level, and her volunteer endeavors with the Brunch in the Park benefit for Heisinger Lutheran Home; and

Whereas, American Mothers, Incorporated, engages in numerous outreach programs, including Mother to Mother, a series of study chapter groups meeting to promote parenting and grandparenting skills; At-Risk Baby Crib Quilts (ABC Quilts) which makes quilts for children from newborn to age six who are abandoned, HIV infected, or suffer from prenatal exposure to alcohol or drugs as a way to provide love and comfort for these children and to increase awareness for quilt makers and the public; Mother Mentoring, in which experienced mothers are paired with other mothers to provide practical, one-on-one mothering skills and support; a National Literacy Program which emphasizes reading aloud to children, providing tutors for schools, prisons, or community centers, developing reading incentive programs, donating books to libraries and hospitals, and purchasing books as gifts; and Local Projects, such as "Love Letters" to children with cancer:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the selection of Mildred Ehrhardt as Merit Mother of the Missouri Chapter of American Mothers, Incorporated, and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued success as a citizen who is dedicated to strengthening the moral and spiritual foundations of the family and the home; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Mildred Ehrhardt of Jefferson City, Missouri.

Offered by

Representative Carl M. Vogel

District No. 114

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 814, adopted March 18, 2002. $\verb|\LR1\SYS\HLR\HRES\PDF\1201C.01.PDF| \\$